

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY CLAY.

Grand Banquet at the Metropolitan Hotel.

"SAM" AT THE FESTIVE BOARD.

Speeches of the Rev. Sam. Osmond and Others.

LETTERS FROM HON. JOHN P. KENNEDY AND EX-GOVERNOR HUNT.

SONGS—SENTIMENTS.

The members of the Clay Festival Association celebrated their tenth anniversary in memory of the birthday of good old Henry, the immortal sage of Ashland, yesterday evening, at the Metropolitan Hotel. The Metropolitan is becoming proverbial for its public dinners; the Delta-Hill fraternity dine here to-day, and the St. George's Society will have their banquet here on the 31st. But to the present "feast of reason and of soul." A sumptuous repast was spread before upwards of two hundred and thirty gentlemen.

The bill of fare presented everything that the epicurean taste of the most fastidious could desire, and the wines were excellent. The programme itself was neatly designed, with a portrait of Henry Clay at the head, and a list of the names of the wing members of the never to be forgotten and forgotten dinner.

I propose, as the best blessing which Heaven can bestow upon me, that if the divine effort of the dissolution of this Union is to happen, I shall not survive to behold the sad and heart-rending spectacle.

On either side of the "stage" were the following beautiful lines:

There are, who have no sculptured stone,
Who ask, nor word nor flowing line;
But live in nation's hearts alone.

And are the nation's words of light,
Men, who in stormy hours have wrought,
Like those serene, immortal ones,
Who, with a Spartan valor fought.

And gave the world the sacred flame,
What thousand, thousand living hearts
Breathe up a high and holy name—
The not of our vain and selfish aims.

The chosen and the chief of fame—
From whom, as from the political state,
The radiance of our nation's light,
The hate of those who mock his seal
Shall tremble into darkness night.

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THE NUNNERY INVESTIGATION IN BROOKLYN.

(From the Boston Advertiser, April 12.)

The committee were called to order yesterday shortly after noon, by the Rev. Mr. May, who presided.

On motion of Mr. DAWLEY, it was voted that Mr. Griffin act as the permanent chairman of the committee.

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After consultation, the committee, by vote, decided to adjourn.

The witness replied that the party went to the Norfolk House, where they arrived between 1 and 2 o'clock, and remained there until about 3 o'clock.

Q. Who ordered the dinner? A. I did, at the request of the chairman.

Q. Did you pay for it? A. No.

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